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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 19, 2008 (Paper No. 20080423), applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II (Claims 1-6, 12, 15, 16, 43, 47, 48, and 59-61). Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Applicants believe no extension of time is required, but expressly request an extension, and provide an authorization to charge our firm deposit account, should an extension be needed. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-3840.